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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1064

Senate, May 5, 2005

The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through SEN. DAILY of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Education
- 2 having reviewed applications for state grants for public school
- 3 building projects in accordance with section 10-283 of the general
- 4 statutes, as amended, on the basis of priorities for such projects and
- 5 standards for school construction established by the State Board of
- 6 Education, and having prepared a listing of all such eligible projects
- 7 ranked in order of priority, including a separate schedule of previously
- 8 authorized projects which have changed substantially in scope or cost,
- 9 as determined by said commissioner together with the amount of
- 10 estimated grant with respect to each eligible project, and having
- 11 submitted such listing of eligible projects, prior to December 15, 2004,
- 12 to a committee of the General Assembly established under section
- 13 10-283a of the general statutes for the purpose of reviewing such

14 listing, is hereby authorized to enter into grant commitments on behalf
15 of the state in accordance with said section 10-283 with respect to the
16 priority listing of such projects and in such estimated amounts as
17 approved by said committee prior to February 1, 2005, as follows:

18 (1) Estimated Grant Commitments

T1	School District	Estimated	Estimated
T2	School	Project Costs	Grant
T3	Project Number		
T4			
T5	HARTFORD		
T6	Simpson-Waverly Classical Magnet		
T7	0289 MAG/A	\$ 22,523,095	\$ 21,396,940
T8			
T9	HARTFORD		
T10	Capital College Prep Magnet		
T11	0290 MAG/N	41,070,000	39,016,500
T12			
T13	NEW HAVEN		
T14	Metropolitan Business Magnet		
T15	0350 MAG/N	34,204,450	32,494,228
T16			
T17	STAMFORD		
T18	Environmental Studies Magnet		
T19	0259 MAG/N	58,000,000	55,100,000
T20			
T21	ANDOVER		
T22	Andover Elementary School		
T23	0014 EA	1,300,000	756,730
T24			
T25	BETHEL		
T26	Bethel High School		
T27	0057 EA	25,315,262	10,488,113
T28			
T29	DANBURY		

T30	Rogers Park Middle School		
T31	0131 EA	7,520,000	3,920,928
T32			
T33	EAST HADDAM		
T34	New East Haddam 4-8 School		
T35	0038 N/PS	24,830,000	12,149,319
T36			
T37	MILFORD		
T38	Alternative Education		
T39	0167 PF/EA	3,300,000	1,449,690
T40			
T41	NEW FAIRFIELD		
T42	New Fairfield Middle/High School		
T43	0041 A/CV	378,000	132,300
T44			
T45	OLD SAYBROOK		
T46	Old Saybrook Middle School		
T47	0035 EA	4,000,000	1,185,600
T48			
T49	OLD SAYBROOK		
T50	Old Saybrook Senior High School		
T51	0036 EA/RR	12,300,000	3,645,720
T52			
T53	WATERBURY		
T54	New Elementary School #1		
T55	0252 N/PS	31,900,000	24,722,500
T56			
T57	WATERBURY		
T58	New Elementary School #2		
T59	0253 N/PS	31,900,000	24,722,500
T60			
T61	WATERBURY		
T62	New Elementary School #3		
T63	0254 N/PS	31,900,000	24,722,500
T64			

T65	CT TECH. HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM		
T66	Bullard-Havens THS		
T67	0015 VT/EA	27,331,000	27,331,000
T68			
T69	CT TECH. HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM		
T70	Windham THS		
T71	0016 VT/EA	42,051,000	42,051,000
T72			
T73	CT TECH. HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM		
T74	Vinal THS		
T75	0017 EA/RR	51,076,000	51,076,000
T76			
T77	CT TECH. HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM		
T78	Oliver Wolcott THS		
T79	0018 EA/RR	44,117,000	44,117,000
T80			
T81	DANBURY		
T82	Broadview Middle School		
T83	0132 EA	7,900,000	4,119,060
T84			
T85	DANBURY		
T86	Danbury High School		
T87	0134 A	600,000	312,840
T88			
T89	FAIRFIELD		
T90	Tomlinson Middle School		
T91	0112 EA	28,876,000	7,836,946
T92			
T93	GROTON		
T94	Fitch Senior High School		
T95	0178 EA	45,000,000	27,000,000
T96			
T97	GROTON		
T98	New Elementary School		
T99	0179 N	20,800,000	12,480,000

T100			
T101	MANCHESTER		
T102	Robertson School		
T103	0197 E	140,000	89,502
T104			
T105	NEW HAVEN		
T106	Clemente PK-8 School		
T107	0351 A/RR	37,840,000	30,272,000
T108			
T109	NEW HAVEN		
T110	New Bishop Woods School		
T111	0352 N	28,179,886	22,543,909
T112			
T113	NORWALK		
T114	Roton Middle School		
T115	0232 EA	5,800,000	2,112,940
T116			
T117	NORWALK		
T118	Norwalk High School		
T119	0233 EA	32,500,000	11,839,750
T120			
T121	NORWALK		
T122	Columbus Elementary School		
T123	0234 A/EC	3,750,000	1,366,125
T124			
T125	NORWALK		
T126	Tracey School		
T127	0235 A/EC	4,300,000	1,566,490
T128			
T129	STAMFORD		
T130	Stillmeadow School		
T131	0256 A/TCH	168,983	50,695
T132			
T133	STAMFORD		
T134	Springdale School		

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T135	0257 A/TCH	170,207	51,062
T136			
T137	STAMFORD		
T138	Northeast School		
T139	0258 A/TCH	99,540	29,862
T140			
T141	STERLING		
T142	New Sterling PK-8 School		
T143	0013 N	27,500,000	20,724,000
T144			
T145	TRUMBULL		
T146	Regional Agriscience/Tech Center		
T147	0098 VE	114,058	108,355
T148			
T149	WALLINGFORD		
T150	Lyman Hall H.S. - Vocational Agri.		
T151	0147 VA/N	27,808,000	26,417,600
T152			
T153	WATERBURY		
T154	Crosby High School		
T155	0255 EA	5,800,000	4,495,000
T156			
T157	WATERFORD		
T158	Clark Lane Middle School		
T159	0098 A/RR	22,201,534	5,867,865
T160			
T161	WEST HARTFORD		
T162	Duffy School		
T163	0206 EA	1,000,000	389,300
T164			
T165	WOLCOTT		
T166	Wolcott High School		
T167	0073 A	120,000	74,568
T168			
T169	REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 1		

T170	Housatonic Valley Reg. H.S.		
T171	0038 EA/RR	1,452,698	643,400
T172			
T173	REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 14		
T174	Nonnewaug High School		
T175	0085 VE	169,000	160,550
T176			
T177	REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 19		
T178	E.O. Smith Depot Road Satellite		
T179	0017 EA/RR	1,998,000	1,691,107
T180			
T181	DERBY		
T182	Derby High School		
T183	0051 A/EC	2,230,750	1,053,208
T184			
T185	ENFIELD		
T186	Harriet Beecher Stowe School		
T187	0134 EC/CV	381,332	260,107
T188			
T189	MANCHESTER		
T190	Bowers School		
T191	0200 A/EC	682,000	436,003
T192			
T193	MANCHESTER		
T194	Waddell School		
T195	0201 A/EC	1,189,000	760,128
T196			
T197	REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 1		
T198	Central Administration		
T199	0039 BE/E	200,000	44,290

19 (2) Previously Authorized Projects Which Have Changed
 20 Substantially in Scope or Cost.

T200	School District	Authorized	Requested
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T201	School		
T202	Project Number		
T203			
T204	BRIDGEPORT		
T205	Barnum Elementary		
T206	015-0131 N		
T207			
T208	Estimated...		
T209	Total Project Costs	\$ 44,147,458	\$ 58,315,334
T210	Total Grant	35,317,966	46,652,267
T211			
T212	BRISTOL		
T213	Ivy Drive School		
T214	017-0074 EA		
T215			
T216	Estimated...		
T217	Total Project Costs	8,500,000	14,500,000
T218	Total Grant	5,889,650	10,047,050
T219			
T220	BRISTOL		
T221	Mountain View School		
T222	017-0075 EA		
T223			
T224	Estimated...		
T225	Total Project Costs	8,500,000	13,000,000
T226	Total Grant	5,889,650	9,007,700
T227			
T228	DANBURY		
T229	Academy for International Studies		
T230	034-0124 MAG/N		
T231			
T232	Estimated...		
T233	Total Project Costs	17,500,000	21,355,000
T234	Total Grant	17,500,000	21,355,000
T235			
T236	HAMDEN		
T237	Hamden Middle School		
T238	062-0084 N		
T239			
T240	Estimated...		
T241	Total Project Costs	43,493,865	54,421,850

T242	Total Grant	27,805,628	34,791,889
T243			
T244	HARTFORD		
T245	Hartford Public High School		
T246	064-0246 RNV/E		
T247			
T248	Estimated...		
T249	Total Project Costs	82,000,000	105,000,000
T250	Total Grant	63,254,800	80,997,000
T251			
T252	HARTFORD		
T253	Breakthrough Academy Magnet		
T254	064-0271 MAG/N		
T255			
T256	Estimated...		
T257	Total Project Costs	26,000,000	29,500,000
T258	Total Grant	26,000,000	29,500,000
T259			
T260	HARTFORD		
T261	Greater Hartford Classical Magnet		
T262	064-0285 MAG/PF		
T263			
T264	Estimated...		
T265	Total Project Costs	32,000,000	36,434,294
T266	Total Grant	32,000,000	36,434,294
T267			
T268	NEW CANAAN		
T269	New Canaan High School		
T270	090-0044 RNV/E		
T271			
T272	Estimated...		
T273	Total Project Costs	54,475,454	61,170,560
T274	Total Grant	10,895,091	12,234,112
T275			
T276	NEW HAVEN		
T277	Arts Magnet Middle School		
T278	093-0307 MAG/N		
T279			
T280	Estimated...		
T281	Total Project Costs	28,700,000	29,200,000
T282	Total Grant	28,700,000	29,200,000
T283			

T284	NEW HAVEN		
T285	New Jackie Robinson Magnet School		
T286	093-0329 MAG/N		
T287			
T288	Estimated...		
T289	Total Project Costs	34,000,000	35,000,000
T290	Total Grant	26,836,200	33,250,000
T291			
T292	NEW HAVEN		
T293	Betsy Ross School		
T294	093-0332 EA/RR		
T295			
T296	Estimated...		
T297	Total Project Costs	33,500,000	38,300,000
T298	Total Grant	26,441,550	30,230,190
T299			
T300	NEW HAVEN		
T301	Barnard Magnet School		
T302	093-0339 MAG/E		
T303			
T304	Estimated...		
T305	Total Project Costs	34,000,000	34,000,000
T306	Total Grant	27,077,600	32,300,000
T307			
T308	NEW HAVEN		
T309	Cooperative Arts & Humanities		
T310	Magnet High School		
T311	093-0341 MAG/N		
T312			
T313	Estimated...		
T314	Total Project Costs	52,000,000	58,000,000
T315	Total Grant	52,000,000	55,445,814
T316			
T317	NEW HAVEN		
T318	Christopher Columbus School		
T319	093-0348 EA/RR		
T320			
T321	Estimated...		
T322	Total Project Costs	15,269,961	28,179,886
T323	Total Grant	12,160,997	22,442,461
T324			
T325	NEW HAVEN		

T326	Troup Middle School		
T327	093-0343 A		
T328			
T329	Estimated...		
T330	Total Project Costs	36,570,369	36,570,369
T331	Total Grant	28,568,772	28,568,772
T332			
T333	NEW HAVEN		
T334	Clinton Avenue School		
T335	093-0344 EA/RR		
T336			
T337	Estimated...		
T338	Total Project Costs	30,744,372	35,000,000
T339	Total Grant	24,484,818	27,874,000
T340			
T341	NORWALK		
T342	Kendall Elementary		
T343	103-0229 EA		
T344			
T345	Estimated...		
T346	Total Project Costs	6,769,000	7,900,000
T347	Total Grant	2,321,091	2,708,910
T348			
T349	SEYMOUR		
T350	Seymour High School		
T351	124-0052 EA		
T352			
T353	Estimated...		
T354	Total Project Costs	17,167,415	21,900,000
T355	Total Grant	10,484,140	13,374,330
T356			
T357	TRUMBULL		
T358	Middlebrook Elementary		
T359	144-0097 EA		
T360			
T361	Estimated...		
T362	Total Project Costs	5,412,709	7,331,482
T363	Total Grant	1,701,214	2,304,285
T364			
T365	WATERFORD		
T366	Clark Lane Middle School		
T367	152-0081 EA/RR		

T368			
T369	Estimated...		
T370	Total Project Costs	9,688,100	10,706,900
T371	Total Grant	2,283,485	2,523,616
T372			
T373	WATERFORD		
T374	Waterford High School		
T375	152-0083 A/RR		
T376			
T377	Estimated...		
T378	Total Project Costs	13,056,500	14,361,500
T379	Total Grant	3,076,111	3,385,006
T380			
T381	WESTPORT		
T382	Greensfarms Elementary		
T383	158-0087 RNV/E		
T384			
T385	Estimated...		
T386	Total Project Costs	13,791,900	16,364,732
T387	Total Grant	2,905,953	3,448,049
T388			
T389	EAST HARTFORD		
T390	East Hartford Glastonbury		
T391	Elementary Magnet School		
T392	043-0228 MAG/N		
T393			
T394	Estimated...		
T395	Total Project Costs	24,039,994	24,932,539
T396	Total Grant	24,039,994	24,932,539
T397			
T398	REG. DIST. #5		
T399	Amity Reg. Jr. High-Bethany		
T400	205-0042 EA/RR		
T401			
T402	Estimated...		
T403	Total Project Costs	15,880,352	20,623,333
T404	Total Grant	5,558,123	7,218,167
T405			
T406	REG. DIST. #5		
T407	Amity Reg. Jr. High-Orange		
T408	205-0043 EA/RR		
T409			

T410	Estimated...		
T411	Total Project Costs	15,589,965	20,322,584
T412	Total Grant	5,456,488	7,112,904

21 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
 22 section 10-292 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the
 23 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans
 24 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
 25 Education's school facilities unit, the town of West Hartford may let
 26 out for bid on and commence a project for relocatable classrooms
 27 (Project Number 155-0199) at King Philip Middle School and shall be
 28 eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from
 29 the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
 30 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

31 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
 32 section 10-292 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the
 33 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans
 34 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
 35 Education's school facilities unit, the town of Simsbury may let out for
 36 bid on and commence a project for relocatable classrooms (Project
 37 Number 128-0100) at Central School and shall be eligible to
 38 subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state,
 39 provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
 40 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

41 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
 42 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
 43 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans
 44 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
 45 Education's school facilities unit, the city of Waterbury may let out for
 46 bid on and commence the projects for roof replacement (Project
 47 Number 151-0237 RR) at Wilson Elementary School, code updates
 48 (Project Number 151-0197 CV) at Kennedy High School, renovations
 49 (Project Number 151-0243 RNV Barnard Elementary School phase) and
 50 (Project Number 151-0243 RNV Tinker Elementary School phase),

51 asbestos abatement in the gymnasium (Project Number 151-0251 CV)
52 at Barnard Elementary School and asbestos abatement in the tunnel
53 (Project Number 151-0247 CV) at Barnard Elementary School and shall
54 be eligible to subsequently be considered for grant commitments from
55 the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
56 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

57 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
58 sections 10-283 and 10-284 of the general statutes or any regulations
59 adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that local legislative
60 authorizations be obtained within one year after the authorization by
61 the General Assembly of a grant commitment or requiring that the
62 town begin constructing within two years after the effective date of the
63 act of the General Assembly authorizing the Commissioner of
64 Education to enter into grant commitments for such projects, the town
65 of Newington shall have until June 30, 2006, to authorize and until
66 June 30, 2007, to begin construction on the projects at Newington High
67 School, John Wallace Middle School and Martin Kellogg Middle School
68 (Project Numbers 094-0085 Comprehensive A/C, 094-0087 Industrial
69 Technology, 094-0088 Auditorium A/C, 094-0090 A/C Auditorium &
70 Cafe, 094-0091 Industrial Technology and 094-0092 Field House
71 Renovations) and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for
72 grant commitments from the state.

73 Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
74 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general
75 statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education
76 concerning projected enrollment for a school building project, the town
77 of Oxford may increase the projected enrollment to seven hundred
78 fifty students for the new construction project (Project Number 108-
79 0028) at the new Oxford High School.

80 Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
81 section 7-131n of the general statutes, the city of New London may
82 convey park property to Project LEARN for the Marine Sciences
83 Magnet High School (Project Number 245-0087 MAG/N) for use as a

84 magnet school site.

85 Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) Project LEARN shall begin
86 construction on the Marine Sciences Magnet High School (Project
87 Number 245-0087 MAG/N) on or before June 30, 2006, and may be
88 eligible to receive state school construction funding.

89 Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
90 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
91 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans
92 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
93 Education's school facilities unit, the town of Old Saybrook may let out
94 for bid on and commence a project for alteration (Project Number 106-
95 0038 A) at Old Saybrook Middle School and shall be eligible to
96 subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state,
97 provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
98 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

99 Sec. 10. Section 10-285a of the general statutes is amended by adding
100 subsection (i) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

101 (NEW) (i) The percentage determined pursuant to this section for a
102 school building project grant shall be increased by ten percentage
103 points, but shall not exceed ninety-five per cent, if the grant applicant
104 shows in its grant application that it has, when calculated on a rolling
105 five-year basis, spent an average of ten per cent of its annual school
106 budget on maintenance of its facilities.

107 Sec. 11. Section 10-283b of the general statutes is repealed and the
108 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

109 (a) On and after July 1, 1999, the Commissioner of Education shall
110 include school building projects for the regional vocational-technical
111 schools on the list developed pursuant to section 10-283. Prior to
112 inclusion on the list, such projects shall be reviewed by the Department
113 of Public Works. The adoption of the list by the General Assembly and
114 authorization by the State Bond Commission of the issuance of bonds

115 pursuant to section 10-287d shall fund the full cost of the projects.
116 Funds for the projects shall be transferred to the Department of Public
117 Works and, upon such transfer, the projects shall be subject to the
118 requirements of chapters 59 and 60.

119 (b) Ten per cent, when calculated on a rolling five-year basis, of the
120 operating budget of the regional-vocational technical school system, as
121 determined by the State Board of Education, shall be spent on
122 maintenance of the facilities of the school system.

123 Sec. 12. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
124 section 10-286 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the
125 State Board of Education setting square footage specifications for
126 purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school building project
127 grant, such square footage specifications shall not apply to the
128 extension and alteration project (Project Number 159-0094 EA) at the
129 Webb School in Wethersfield.

130 Sec. 13. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
131 chapter 173 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the
132 State Board of Education concerning eligible costs, Regional District
133 #11 may apply for and subsequently be eligible to receive a school
134 construction grant for costs of emergency repairs and maintenance at
135 Parish Hill High School, as required to maintain New England
136 Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation. Such costs shall not
137 exceed one million dollars. The state standard space specifications, the
138 provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
139 section 10-283 of the general statutes concerning redirection, the
140 provisions of subsection (b) of section 10-287 of the general statutes
141 concerning bidding, and the provisions of section 10-292 concerning
142 plan review shall not apply to this project.

143 Sec. 14. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
144 section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the
145 State Board of Education requiring a completed grant application be
146 submitted prior to June 30, 2004, or subsection (d) of section 10-283 of
147 the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of

148 Education requiring local funding authorization for the local share of
 149 project costs prior to application, an extension and alteration project
 150 for Regional School District #11 at Parish Hill High School with costs
 151 approximately forty million dollars shall be included in subsection (1)
 152 of section 1 of this act, provided a complete grant application is
 153 submitted prior to June 30, 2006. Such project shall also be eligible for
 154 the reimbursement bonus pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-285a
 155 of the general statutes, provided a cooperative arrangement is
 156 established as required in said subsection (d) prior to the completion of
 157 the project.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10-285a
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10-283b
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	New section

ED Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

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FIN Joint Favorable

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Local and Regional School Districts	Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Explanation

This bill authorizes and increases grant commitments to local and regional school districts totaling approximately \$746 million. With interest this results in a future state cost of \$1,134.7 million.

Additionally the bill waives various school construction statutory and regulatory provisions to allow various projects to remain eligible for future state grant commitments. These waivers have no fiscal impact in and of themselves as such projects must still be approved and authorized.

Section 10 of the bill results in a potential significant future cost to the state and thus a revenue gain to municipalities by providing up to a 10% bonus for school construction grants if a school district expends at least 10% of their budget on a rolling five-year average on building maintenance. The number of districts that would qualify for such a bonus is unknown as there is no set definition of maintenance in the bill or currently utilized by the State Department of Education.

Section 11 would require the state vocational-technical schools to expend 10% of their operating budget on maintaining system facilities. As the bill does not define facilities maintenance it is assumed that the

system could adjust expenditures to meet this requirement.

OLR Bill Analysis

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***AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT
COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS***

SUMMARY:

This bill:

1. authorizes \$605 million in state grant commitments for 49 school construction projects;
2. authorizes \$101 million in increased grant commitments for 26 previously authorized projects that have changed substantially in cost or scope;
3. provides a 10-percentage-point state reimbursement bonus to school districts that have spent a rolling five-year average of 10% of their annual school budget to maintain their schools;
4. requires the State Department of Education (SDE) to spend, on a rolling five-year average, 10% of the vocational-technical school system's annual operating budget to maintain the system's facilities;
5. allows New London to convey park property to Project LEARN for a site for the Marine Sciences Magnet High School;
6. requires Project LEARN to begin building the school by June 30, 2006 and makes the project eligible for a state school construction grant; and
7. waives various state laws and regulations to make specified school projects eligible for state reimbursement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except for the provisions concerning school maintenance spending, which are effective July 1, 2005.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

2005 Priority List (§ 1(1))

The bill authorizes \$605 million in state grant commitments for 49 school construction projects of various types as shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1: NEW SCHOOL PROJECTS AUTHORIZED

<i>Number of Projects</i>	<i>Project Type</i>	<i>Estimated Total Cost</i>	<i>Estimated Total State Grants</i>
11	New schools	\$358,092,336	\$295,093,055
14	Combined extentions and alterations	180,761,960	80,124,595
2	Extensions	340,000	133,792
16	Alterations	96,536,167	63,638,991
1	Energy conservation	381,332	260,107
1	Facility purchase	3,300,000	1,449,690
4	Regional vocational-technical schools	164,575,000	164,575,000

Project Reauthorizations (§ 1(2))

The bill reauthorizes 26 previously authorized projects that have changed substantially (more than 10%) in scope or cost. The reauthorizations increase estimated state grant commitments for the projects by \$101.2 million.

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE

Bonus for Districts (§ 10)

The bill increases a district's school construction project reimbursement percentage by 10 percentage points, up to a maximum reimbursement of 95%, if the district shows on its grant application that it has spent, on a rolling five-year average, 10% of its annual school budget to maintain its facilities. The usual school construction reimbursement rate is 20% to 80% depending on school district wealth.

Maintenance Spending for Vocational-Technical Schools (§ 11)

The bill requires the SDE to spend, on a rolling five-year average, 10% of the vocational-technical school system's annual operating budget to maintain the system's facilities.

MARINE SCIENCES MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL (§§ 7, 8)

The bill allows New London to convey park property to Project LEARN for a site for the Marine Sciences Magnet High School without providing other property to replace it as the law ordinarily requires (§ 7-131n). (Project LEARN is the regional education service center for the New London area.) It also requires Project LEARN to begin building the school by June 30, 2006 and makes the project eligible for a state school construction grant.

WAIVERS

The bill waives school construction statutes and regulations to make certain projects eligible for state grants.

Parish Hill High School (§ 14).

The bill adds an extension and alteration project at Parish Hill High School in Region 11, with an estimated cost of \$40 million, to the bill's priority list. It waives requirements that, to be on the list, the district must have filed an application for the project before June 30, 2004 and that local funding for the project must have been approved prior to application. The waiver depends on the district completing an application for the project by June 30, 2006.

The bill also makes the Parish Hill High School project eligible for the 10-percentage-point school construction grant reimbursement bonus for cooperative arrangements if Region 11 concludes a cooperative arrangement with other districts before completing the project.

Bid and Plan Approval Order

For districts and projects shown in Table 2, the bill waives the requirement that districts obtain SDE's approval of project plans and specifications before they offer the projects for competitive bid. The bill allows the districts to begin the projects and later be eligible for grants, if SDE approves their plans and specifications.

TABLE 2: BID-PLAN APPROVAL ORDER WAIVERS

§	<i>District</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Project</i>
2	West Hartford	King Philip Middle	Relocatable classrooms
3	Simsbury	Central School	Relocatable classrooms
4	Waterbury	Wilson Elementary	Roof replacement
4	Waterbury	Kennedy High	Code updates

4	Waterbury	Barnard Elementary	Renovations
4	Waterbury	Tinker Elementary	Renovations
4	Waterbury	Barnard Elementary	Asbestos abatement in gym
4	Waterbury	Barnard Elementary	Asbestos abatement in tunnel
9	Old Saybrook	Old Saybrook Middle	Alteration

Deadline (§ 5)

For three previously authorized projects in Newington, the bill waives requirements that districts (1) obtain local funding approval within one year of state authorization and (2) start construction within two years. It requires projects at Newington High, John Wallace Middle, and Martin Kellogg schools to get local approval by June 30, 2006, instead of June 30, 2005, and requires Newington to start construction by June 30, 2007, instead of June 30, 2006.

Miscellaneous

The bill waives other laws and regulations to allow projects shown in Table 3 to be eligible for state school construction grants.

TABLE 3: MISCELLANEOUS WAIVERS

§	District	School	Project	Waiver to Allow
6	Oxford	Oxford High	New	Increase in projected enrollment to 750
12	Wethersfield	Webb	Extension/alteration	Exemption from square footage limitations
13	Region 11	Parish Hill High	Emergency repairs and maintenance costing no more than \$1 million needed to maintain accreditation	Exemptions from (1) standard space specifications, (2) limits on redirecting use of a school building funded by a state grant, (3) competitive bidding, and (4) requirements for prior SDE approval of plans and specifications for the project

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 25 Nay 0

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 48 Nay 0